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1. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 1, 10, 12, 21, 28 and 33, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 4, 5, 7, 24, 25, 27, 30 and 32 dependent thereon. There are no allowed claims in the application. The independent claim(s) is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form to avoid ABANDONMENT of the application. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Upon consideration of the comments provided by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences with regard to the rejection of claims 7 and 27 based on Baum and Sherman, it has been determined that it would have been obvious to reverse the hook and loop components of strips 36, 37, 38, 39 and fabric covering layers 30 and 31 of Baum since it has been held that a mere reversal of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. In re Einstein, 8 USPQ 167. If claim 7 and/or claim 27 is presented in independent form they would be rejected on this basis.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HARRY A. GROSSO whose telephone number is (571)272-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on 571-272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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